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1. AMBASSDOR MCCONAUGHY RECEIVED LETTER FROM PROFESSOR YANG CHIA-LO (2799/1367/7482), RESPECTED HISTORIAN AT NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY, STATING THAT DURING 1949 IN SHANGHAI COPIES OF HIS UNPUBLISHED VOLUMES 13-18 "WHO'S WHO OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA" (IN CHINESE) WERE BORROWED UNDER MCCONAUGHY'S INSTRUCTIONS FOR COPYING BY DEPARTMENT OF STATE, BUT NEVER RETURNED. YANG ALSO NOTED THAT WHILE AMBASSADOR WAS IN HONG KONG IN 1951, YANG CONTACTED HARDING WHO RETURNED PHOTOCOPIES OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED SIX VOLUMES, TOTALING ABOUT 1,000 PAGES. YANG AND HIS STUDENTS, WHO ARE NOW COMPLETING MATERIAL FOR NEW EDITION, FIND THAT PHOTOCOPIES ARE FADED AND NO LONGER LEGIBLE.

2. REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT CHECK ON THIS MATTER. ASSUMING YANG IS CORRECT ABOUT EVENTS THAT OCCURRED 25 YEARS AGO, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S TRYING TO LOCATE ORIGINAL VOLUMES 13-18 OR LEGIBLE COPIES TO BE SENT TO US FOR YANG.

3. COVER PAGE OF RETURNED PHOTOCOPIES PROVIDED IN 1951 SHOWS H.K. CONGEN STAMP DATED JULY 12, 1951 AND A STAMPED NOTATION SAYING , "REF: DEPT'S OM JUNE 5, 1951 FOR YANG CHIA-LO." MATERIAL IS TYPED IN CHINESE WITH PENCILED CORRECTIONS IN MARGINS.GLEYSTEEN

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